## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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### **NOTICE OF FILING**

### **DOCKET NO. 2013-380-S**

# Application of Ocean Lakes Utilities, L.P. for Adjustment of Rates and Charges for Sewer Services

Ocean Lakes Utility, L.P. (Ocean Lakes or the Company) filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) for Adjustment of Rates and Modification of its Tariff for Wastewater Service in Horry County. The Application was filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-5-240, more specifically S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-5-240(G). According to the Application, Ocean Lakes purchases all of its wastewater treatment service as a wholesale customer of Grand Strand Water & Sewer Authority (GSWSA). The Application states that on March 11, 2013, GSWSA notified Ocean Lakes that a new increase in Ocean Lakes' wholesale wastewater rate would become effective on their July 1, 2013, sewer billing to Ocean Lakes. The new rate to Ocean Lakes is \$3.00 per thousand gallons, which is a 3.4% increase over their previous rate of \$2.90. Ocean Lakes' current approved sewer rate to its customers is \$1.49 per thousand gallons which is \$1.51 per thousand gallons (101%) below the GSWSA wholesale rate, according to the Application.

In support of the relief that Ocean Lakes seeks from the Commission, the Company requests that the Commission issue an order that allows the December 9, 1993, through July 1, 2013, increase of \$1.51 per thousand gallons and any prospective GSWSA wastewater increases to be issued as a pass through to the Company's customers. If the Commission approves the increase of \$1.51 per thousand gallons, the Company requests that this increase be implemented over the next two years with a \$.76 increase on July 1, 2014, and the remaining \$.75 starting July 1, 2015. The Company requests that any subsequent increases from GSWSA during that time would also be passed through to Ocean Lakes' customers.

A copy of the Company's Application may be obtained from the Commission at the following address: Public Service Commission of South Carolina, Clerk's Office, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210. Additionally, the Application is available on the Commission's website at <a href="https://www.psc.sc.gov">www.psc.sc.gov</a> and is available from the corporate office of M. Lance Thompson, President, Ocean Lakes Utilities, L.P., 6001 South Kings Hwy., Myrtle Beach, South Carolina 29575

A public hearing, if scheduled, will be held in Columbia, South Carolina in the offices of the Commission located at 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210, for the purpose of receiving testimony and other evidence from all interested parties regarding this Application. The time and date of this hearing will be furnished to all interested parties at a later date.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter as a party of record, should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **December 30**, 2013. For the receipt of future Commission correspondence, please include an email address in the Petition to Intervene. *Please refer to Docket No. 2013-380-S and mail a copy to all other parties in this docket.* Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing, if scheduled, should notify, in writing, the Commission; the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; and the company at the above address, on or before **December 30**, 2013. *Please refer to Docket No. 2013-380-S*.

For the most recent information regarding this docket, please refer to www.psc.sc.gov and Docket No. 2013-380-S.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100 or visit its website at <a href="https://www.psc.sc.gov">www.psc.sc.gov</a>.

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